

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please replace the paragraphs starting on page 4, line 2 through page 5, line 5 with the following amended paragraphs:

--The second connector (20) is also a tubular object and has a pair of ears (21) extending out from an outer surface of the second connector (20) and a protrusion (22) formed on an inner surface of the second connector (20) and having a securing hole (220) defined through the protrusion (22) to communicate with an inside of the second connector (20) so as to allow a securing element (222), preferably a pin, to extend therethrough, an outer groove (221) formed on the protrusion (22) next to a top surface of the second connector (20). Preferably, the outer groove (221) has an opposite face inclined with respect to the top surface of the second connector (20) resulting in the bottom of the groove being narrower than the top. Each of the ears (21) has a through-hole (211) with a common axis. A second recessed area (23) is formed on the outer surface of the second connector (20) to correspond to the first recessed area (13) of the first connector (10). The distance between the two ears (21) is larger than the combination of the length of the sleeve (12) and the length of the compressed first spring (24). A first spring (24) is provided between the two ears (21) and a securing element (~~222~~25) is provided to correspond to the through-holes (211) on the ears (21) and the through-holes (121) on the sleeve (12).

The retainer (30) includes a push (31), a handle (32) with an offset rotating axle (301), and a bolt (33) rotatably received in the offset rotating axle (301) and

extending out of the handle (32) and having two threaded ends. A second spring (34) is provided between the inner face of the push (31) and the second recessed area (23).

When the quick-release joint of the present invention is in assembly, the securing element (22225) extends through the through-hole (211) of one ear (21), the sleeve (12), the first spring (24) and into the through-hole (211) of the other ear (21) and then the securing element (22225) is securely positioned between the two ears (21). As mentioned earlier the distance between the two ears (21) is larger than the length of the sleeve (12) plus the length of the compressed first spring (24) so that after the sleeve (12) is secured between the two ears (21) by the securing element (22225), the sleeve (12) is pushed by the first spring (24) and thus held against one of the ears (21).--

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7 with the following amended paragraph:

-- With reference to FIGS. ~~4.5~~4, 5 and 6, the second embodiment of the present invention is shown, wherein most structural relationship in this embodiment is the same as that disclosed in the first embodiment. The only difference lies in that the first connector (10) has an extension (14) integrally formed on an inner surface of the first connector (10) and having a second outer groove (141) along a joint between the extension (14) and the inner surface of the first connector (10). The second connector (20) has, in addition to the protrusion

(22) on the inner surface of the second connector (20), a second internal lip (26) formed on the inner surface of the second connector (20) to correspond to the second outer groove (141) of the first connector (10).--

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 1 through 7 with the following amended paragraph:

--The second connector (50) is also a hollow cylinder and has a second protrusion (51) formed and extending upward from a portion of an inner face of the second connector (50), a second groove (52) defined at a joint of the second protrusion (51) and the inner face of the second connector (50) to correspond to the first passage (44), a guiding notch (53) defined in a bottom face of the second connector (50) to correspond to the guide ~~(44)~~(43) and a second passage (54) defined in the inner face of the second connector (50) to correspond to the first groove (42) of the first connector (40).--